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VIA EMAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL

Katie Townsend
The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press
1156 15th St. NW, Suite 1250
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Re: Public notice of PHMSA hearings

Dear Ms. Townsend:

Thank you for your letters of April 2 and April 23, 2018, inquiring about whether PHMSA can provide public notice when an informal hearing has been scheduled pursuant to the administrative procedures contained in 49 C.F.R. § 190.211.

PHMSA maintains a public website of its pipeline safety enforcement activity at <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/pipeline/enforcement/enforcement-overview>. Each case is searchable by the year initiated and includes significant enforcement records. In response to your request, PHMSA will include hearing scheduling letters in the publicly accessible case records.

If a member of the press is interested in observing a hearing, a request should be submitted to PHMSA in advance so that we are able to evaluate and act on the request.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at 202-366-4400.

Sincerely,

Paul Roberti
Chief Counsel